

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Queenstown Creek Warehouse and Granary

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Second Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

S.E.W. Friel, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21658

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: ASG Jr. 6

Folio #: 394

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old stone granary is located on Queenstown Creek in Queenstown, immediately to the south of Bowlingly. The building is sited within 30 feet of the shoreline and originally served as a granary, serving a steamboat wharf that was the commercial center of Queenstown in the mid-19th century. It has been converted into a private residence **and has been** altered to some extent on the exterior and completely renovated inside.

The building is thirty feet square, with a pitched gable roof set perpendicular to the shoreline. It is built into the creek bank. The foundation and cellar are constructed of rough, uncoursed granite, probably shipped in from Port Deposit on the Susquehannah River. The second story and upper gable walls are frame with a smooth stucco exterior finish.

The northwest gable wall, facing Queenstown Creek, is partially concealed by a modern two story addition with a garage on the ground level and a sun porch above. Modern doors and windows in the first story of the granary open onto the sun porch, probably replacing larger barn-type doors. On the second story, there is a modern door near the

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY: PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY: HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone warehouse and granary on Queenstown Creek was constructed circa 1850-60 to serve the steamboat wharf of the Chester River Steamboat Company. This wharf projected out into Queenstown Creek directly in front of the granary, as illustrated in the 1877 Atlas map of Queenstown. This wharf was an essential economic link between Queenstown and the rest of the Chesapeake Bay, allowing local farmers and merchants to ship agricultural products out and receive manufactured goods in return. This warehouse is one of only two such buildings to survive in the county, forming an important historical link with the maritime commercial trade of the 19th century.

An advertisement in the October 17, 1878 issue of the Centreville Record includes the following announcement:

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

1/5/92

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-24; Recorded May 20, 1981.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

center opening onto a small screen porch and a 6/6 window in the southwest bay. A single 6/6 window is centered in the upper gable. The most interesting feature to survive on the exterior of the building is a projecting beam with an iron pulley fitting in the uppermost portion of this gable. This is clearly an original feature surviving from the time when the building served as a granary. The gable eaves project out approximately 18-24 inches and are boxed-in with returns at the corners.

On the southwest facade, an exterior stone chimney rises in the center bay to accommodate an interior fireplace on the first floor. There is a door to the right of the chimney and a double casement window to the left. Both openings have dressed granite lintels and are presumably original openings, although the sash in the northwest bay is probably early 20th century. On the second floor, the chimney is flanked by 6/6 windows on each side. The eaves oversail and are boxed-in; the roof is wood shingle.

The southeast gable wall faces inland, toward the town. The stone lintel of an original opening survives in the west bay of the first floor, but the present first floor windows are clearly modern. There are two 6/6 windows on the second floor and one 6/6 window

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

centered in the upper gable. The eaves are identical to the northwest gable.

On the northeast facade, there are two original window openings with stone lintels on both the ground level and the first floor. The ground level openings are fitted with small 6/6 windows. The first floor opening to the northwest has paired casement sash, the southeast opening has been reduced in height and fitted with 6/6 sash. There are two 6/6 windows on the second floor. The cornice and roof match the southwest facade.

The interior has been completely renovated into dwelling quarters. An early batten door and all of the original flooring has survived, and some original framing is visible. A seam in the flooring presumably identifies the location of an original stair in the north corner of the building. There is also evidence of a large door opening at grade level on the northwest gable wall, facing the creek. The visible framing material is machine sawn.

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8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For Sale: The Stone Granary at Queenstown Wharf, with the Wharf privilege thereunto belonging. ...offered at private sale, and if not sold at private sale on or before 12 November next, will then be offered at public sale in front of the Court House door in the town of Centreville...terms liberal.

For particulars apply to
C.J.B. Mitchell,
Queenstown, Md.
or T.J. and B.P. Keating, Atty's
Centreville, Md.

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9.1 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Stone Granary/House
Queenstown, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1981
View from Southwest



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Stone Granary/House
Queenstown, Maryland
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View from East